



## The Women's Club of Aruba honors the top graduates of 2006

On Saturday evening, July 8, the Women's Club of Aruba conducted their annual Student Award Dinner at the Tango Restaurant in Palm Beach. Eighteen students from Aruba's middle and high schools who successfully completed their studies with the highest grade point average in their school or individual program were honored. Both the parents and students were treated to a delightful awards dinner, and the students received a beautiful certificate, suitable for framing, and a personal photograph in cap and gown.

The students awarded in College Preparatory programs were Marylou Maduro Instituto Pedagogico Arubano (dagopleiding), Richeline Hunt Instituto Pedagogico Arubano (middagopleiding), Michael Pochettino International School of Aruba, Jennifer Boekhoudt VWO 1, Joseph Henriquez VWO 2, Julian Salazar HAVO, Andres Portela, MAVO /7 vak (Juliana School) and Jordan Emanuelson MAVO 6 vak (Mon Plaisir College),

In the higher level Vocational Training Program (EPI), the students honored were Roy Persaude in Electronic Engineering, Chun Kit Cheung for Economics and Business, Juan Pena of the Hospitality and Tourism and Management Unit, and Stella Rasmijn of the Nursing and Health Care Department. Students of the EPB, the Vocational Basic Division, which consists of four levels, that received certificates were Daniel Rodriguez of EPB HATO, (Oranjestad) for the highest level (Doorstroom), Virginia Briesen of EPB San Nicolas for the second level (Uitstroom), Jeurmin Bregita EPB HATO for third level (Arbeidsmarkt) and Dylean Petronia of EPB San Nicolas for Aspriant Opleiding.

The final three students to receive certificates of academic achievement were the night school students of the HAVO, MAVO and LTO, Daimis Garrido, Sedrick Naranjo, and Danilo Hernandez respectively.

Marva Solagnier, President of the Student Awards Commission and Bernadette Schouten, President of the Women's Club and announced the winners and distributed the certificates. Those attending the awards dinner also enjoyed an oration from Chun Kit Cheung of the EPI and a poem by Jennifer Boekhoudt of Colegio Arubano, aside from a few words from the Minister of Education, Marisol Lopez-Tromp.

The Women's Club award dinner for scholastic achievement is a proud moment for the students, their families, and the community. The acknowledgement of the students' hard work provides motivation and encouragement to strive for scholastic excellence, and pride when they have accomplished their goal. In this way, this special evening contributes to the betterment of the community and the youth, which is Aruba's future. Congratulations to all those students that received their awards this year, and accolades for their hard work and determination that earned them well-deserved recognition!